

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✚ Saturday, April 14, 2018

Evening Prayers at 7:30

### ✚ Sunday, April 15

Lenten Study at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with emphasis on the Core Values of ECO

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary

### ✚ Monday through Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Sherrard ordinarily begins his day around 8 with Morning Prayers.

### ✚ Tuesday, April 17

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches his college classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Food Truck arrives around 9:30 with distribution around 11

### ✚ Wednesday, April 18

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Lenten Discussion at 6 p.m.

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✚ Saturday, April 21

Evening Prayers at 7:30

### ✚ Sunday, April 22

Lenten Study at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with emphasis on our Core Values

Spring Fling Lunch following worship

**East Central Presbytery meets on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 in Gloucester, VA. Mr. Sherrard will attend with Elders Nancy Peery and Fran Hobbs.**



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2018

## A Story of Hope and Inspiration

Frantz and Alex Saintilma brought their message of hope and inspiration to Windy Cove on Sunday, April 8. The brothers recounted their hard years growing up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti with their mother raising seven children in a very small, two-room house. However, each summer they would spend some time in the mountains of Haiti visiting with their grandmother.

One summer in the early 1990s, Frantz's grandmother told him that they had a new priest in Saint Matthias Parish who had opened a new secondary school there. Since Frantz was ready to make the transition from primary to secondary school, his grandmother urged him to stay in the mountains rather than returning to Port-au-Prince. At first, he resisted her advice. He did agree to talk to the new priest and eventually changed his mind about returning to Port-au-Prince. Frantz joined the new Haiti Education Foundation school in Cherident.

In the meantime, Frantz's older brother Alex had received the unexpected gift of one American

dollar from his uncle. He traded the American dollar for Haitian dollars because the exchange rate for American money was favorable. With the Haitian money, he bought some bouillon cubes that Haitians often use when cooking their rice and Creole sauce. Alex sold the cubes for a profit and launched a career as an entrepreneurial vendor. As Alex told his story to the Mission Team at lunch, Frantz remarked that Alex was the richest in his family at the time. "Alex was rich," said Frantz, "**he had a bicycle.**"

After finishing secondary school in the mountains, Frantz returned

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### **Take Note**

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Lenten Study begins at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with an emphasis ECO's Core Values

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary

Sign up Sunday for the Spring Fling Lunch after worship on April 22.

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## Hope and Inspiration (Cont.)

to Port-au-Prince for further education as an electrician and an electrical engineer.

During this time, the family reconnected with their father who had largely abandoned them earlier to come to the United States. Through that reconnection, their father agreed to sponsor Alex's coming to the United States. As Frantz was helping Alex fill out the necessary paper work, he noticed a line of the form that asked if any other family members would be accompanying the applicant. Frantz wasn't sure what the question meant; but he put in his own name, and the brothers came to the United States together.

Without experience in the electrical field, Frantz found it difficult to find work. So, he worked at Wendy's and other jobs while getting education to become an X-ray technician. Over time, he got his certification for X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs. With a steady job in the medical field, he began taking classes to become an ordained pastor in the Church of God.

He recently received his ordination in the Church of God and works with his local parish in Hamilton, NJ where he lives with his wife and three children. The congregation is a

mixed Haitian and English congregation not far from Trenton, NJ and the New York metropolitan area.

During Morning Worship on Sunday, Frantz and Alex presented Fran Hobbs and Windy Cove each a glass plaque expressing their appreciation for Fran's leadership and the church's participation in Christian ministry in Haiti since 1984. The inscription on the church's plaque reads,

*Windy Cove  
Presbyterian Church*

*Faithful Servants &  
Source of Inspiration*

*Job Well Done!*

*Matthew 25:23*

Frantz and Alex enjoyed lunch with the Haiti Team before leaving for their return trip to New Jersey. In fact, Alex used some of his famous bouillon cubes to make the rice and Creole sauce for the lunch. Their visit reminds us of the need to continue our educational ministry with our Haitian partners. As Frances Landers used to say, "You can put away your hankies and get out your checkbooks." We have nearly \$10,000 saved for the next school year in Haiti. We need about \$12,500 to educate and feed the children at our school each year.

## Spring Fling

Our Fellowship Ministry Team is making plans for our next fellowship event at lunch on Sunday, April 22. Since they are calling it Spring Fling, they have no doubt been praying that our unpredictable weather will be over by that time. As our local friends know, after a beautiful sunny Sunday, we woke up Monday, April 9, with three inches of snow on the ground with snow still falling through most of the morning. Anyway, the Spring Fling will include sandwiches, salads, and desserts for lunch. So, make plans to bring a dish to share on that Sunday!

## Core Values

In worship on April 15, Mr. Sherrard will begin a new series focused on the Core Values that birthed the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians or ECO. The ECO denomination which Windy Cove joined on January 1 has as its mission: **To build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

In elaboration upon that mission, ECO has developed a set of Core Values. There are nine of these Core Values which the congregation will explore over the next several months. The first three include having a **Jesus-shaped identity**, adhering to **Biblical integrity**, and reflecting

**thoughtful theology.** Of course, all nine of the Core Values emanate from Biblical teaching and proclamation of what it means to be passionate disciples of Jesus the Messiah.

## People and Prayers

After a long vigil of care for their mother, the children and friends of Marie Shanks said good-bye as Mrs. Shanks passed away earlier this month. Her funeral was conducted by her son-in-law, Jeff Hicks, at Nicely's Funeral Home in Clifton Forge. Burial was in the Rehoboth Cemetery on Pig Run Road. We appreciate the loving care of Mike, Pam, Donna, and Jeannie which allowed Mrs. Shanks to stay at home until her death. The children also had wonderful help from Margaret Booth.

On April 4 the Windy Cove Session welcomed April Miller back to Windy Cove by reaffirmation of faith. After suffering severe setbacks in her life, April's faith was quietly rekindled by the faithful ministry of the Holy Spirit and some devoted friends from the church and community. We are glad to see April come home.

We appreciate Emily Bartholomew, Denise Eaton, and Liz Rexrode for encouraging the congregation by joining the choir recently. Thanks, gals!